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Media Advisory

In a cooperative effort between the Hodgson Brook Restoration Project and the City of Portsmouth's illicit discharge identification and elimination program, the city recently completed a fix to the sewer line that runs below Bartlett Street Bridge.

In June of 2005 the Hodgson Brook Watershed Coordinator (HBWC) and staff from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) discovered a break in the sewer line that runs below Bartlett Street Bridge. They promptly notified the city. The city worked with DES, HBWC and a contractor to further investigate the problem.

Using a sewer inspection camera the contractor, Eastern Pipe Service, was able to pin point the problem. The leak was located in a section of the granite abutment of the Bartlett Street Bridge making it difficult to repair without dismantling the bridge and shutting down the road for an extended period of time. As an alternative, the city working with Eastern Pipe Service used an innovative repair technique using a PVC sleeve in the sewer line to fix the problem.

The immediate environmental benefit resulting from this fix is the elimination of a source of raw wastewater discharging into North Mill Pond. This success is one of the many resulting from the relationship between the Hodgson Brook Restoration Project and the City of Portsmouth. This spring a complete Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Survey is scheduled for the Hodgson Brook Watershed.

For more information about this partnership or the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination survey, please contact Sherry Godlewski, Hodgson Brook Watershed Coordinator at 559-1529 or Peter Rice, City Engineer, for Water and Sewer Divisions at 766-1416.

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